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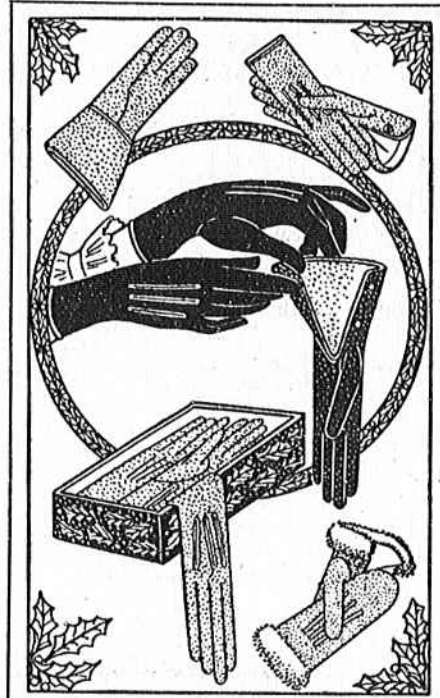
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### FORMER GOVERNOR BLEASE WILL MEET PARTY'S WISHES

Will Make Race for United States Senate in Answer to Call—Wants Honest, Free, Untrammelled Ballot—Let the Majority Control. Urges Attendance at Club Meetings in April.

Anderson, Dec. 5.—"As to your direct question about the senate race, I beg to answer by saying that if the Reformers wish it, I shall make the campaign as a candidate for the United States senate, regardless of who may 'also run,' and I will win unless there is a wonderful change of sentiment in this state within the next few months, and in my opinion the changes will be my way," says Former Governor Blease, in a letter to the editor of the Anderson Tribune, in response to an inquiry from the latter as to Mr. Blease's attitude towards the coming senatorial race.

"We are going to have a meeting in Columbia in January," says the former governor, "at which we hope to have representatives from every county in the state, not to dictate to anybody, not to put in anybody, not to exclude anybody, but to consult, talk over matters, advise with each other and try to do that which is for the best interest of the whole people of the state."

After stressing the fact that the Reformers must attend their April club meetings in the interest of an honest party machinery, in order that the fruits of victory may not again be stolen from them, Mr. Blease says that in his opinion "we should get together and select men to make the fight for the people in every county in the state and then let us have an honest, free primary and let the voters say by unframed ballot whom they want in office and let the majority control." In unvarnished words, he characterizes the last gubernatorial election as corrupt, and controlled by a "gang of ringsters, who robbed him of victory," but maintains that "the large majority of the white men of South Carolina are honest and believe in a square deal, and these are the men who should go to the club meetings and the conventions and see that honest men are put in control of the party machinery and that it is taken out of the hands of gangsters who can be controlled by partisans, be they corrupt or not."

Anderson is the banner reform county of South Carolina, and is today, after three years' experience with and observation of the present bureaucracy in Columbia, even more rock-ribbed Reform than in the past. This is the county to which the present governor sent the military forces of the state when Sheriff Ashley refused at his behest to eject mill employees and their wives and children from their homes out into the streets without giving them even an opportunity to secure any kind of shelter. Anderson county is seething with Reform sentiment, and with the determination again to take the lead in putting the state government back into the hands of the people, and the sentiment here is typical of the sentiment throughout the Piedmont. The Reform wave is daily gathering momentum and those who are in touch with conditions and with the people themselves and who have talked with them in the various sections of South Carolina and know what they are thinking and how they do not hesitate to express their thoughts, cannot but be convinced that the campaign of 1918 will result in a Reform victory—a victory for the masses of the people against the bureaucracy in Columbia in temporary power, which will exceed the most sanguine expectations of even the most ardent Reformers.

The letter of the former governor, the recognized leader of the Reform party, has sounded a war cry in Anderson which will echo throughout the state and the battle is on. Mr. Blease writes:

"Your letter received and possibly you are right, in your position that our folks should know what they are going to do and whom they are going to have make their fight for them next year in the campaign, but so far as I am personally concerned I have not changed my first position, viz., that we should get together in some manner and have our friends thoroughly understand that we must attend the club meetings in April and elect our friends as delegates to the county conventions and then let the county conventions elect delegates to the state convention and members of state Democratic executive committee who will see that an honest election is held and that the will of the majority shall prevail. If the anti crowd has the majority and elect their officers they should have the victory and their men should be declared winners; on the other hand, if we have

the majority and our candidates get the majority then they should be declared elected and get the victory. In other words, let whoever wins get the offices. A free, honest, untrammelled, unbought election is what we should have and then let the majority win and let the minority know that they have been fairly treated. You know and every other man knows that the primary last year was corrupt and that men were openly bought and intimidated; in fact many of them now boast of their dirty work in that election, so much so that it has almost got to be a laughing matter between friends. When the corruption was called to the attention of the state executive committee in a written statement by some of its members the majority positively refused to consider without even an investigation. Now if we are to go up against the same gang of ringsters next year, what is the use of any man going into the primary and spending three months of his time going over the state and paying his assessment fee, railroad fare, hotel bills and other expenses necessary to making a campaign as demanded by the rules, if a gang of bitter partisans are going to openly uphold such conduct (without even a hearing) as was practiced in the primary of 1916? We should by all means have honest and fair men on the executive committee, be they anti or Bleasites; men who will do right regardless of who wins or loses. That is what every man should wish and desire and honest men neither wish nor want any other class of men at the head of their party. Of course unscrupulous vultures who wish office for themselves or their friends will stoop to any degree of filth to secure results but the large majority of the white men of South Carolina are honest and believe in a square deal and there are the men who should go to the club meetings and to the conventions and see that honest men are put in control of the party machinery and taken out of the hands of gangsters who can be controlled by partisans, be they corrupt or not. In my opinion we should get together and select men to make the fight for the people in every county in the state and then let us have an honest, free primary and let the voters say by an untrammelled ballot whom they want in office and let the majority control. If this is done no man will support more zealously than I the winners, but I am tired of winning and being robbed as I was in

the primary of 1916. As to your direct question about the senate race, I beg to answer by saying that if the Reformers wish it I shall make the campaign as a candidate for the United States regardless of who may 'also run' and I will win unless there is a wonderful change of sentiment in this state within the next few months, and in my opinion the changes will be my way as things continue to develop along certain lines. I hope that the campaign will be pitched upon a high plane and free from abuse and bitterness, but I shall go in prepared to meet the enemy on any line that they wish to fight. In 1910, 1912, 1914 and 1916 they began the dirty work by abusing and vilifying me and I never noticed it until I took the field and handed the dirty work crowd the best that I could in return. I do not want to represent the people in my position unless the majority wish me so to do and I certainly would not accept an office that was obtained for me or by me with fraud, intimidation, lies and corruption, and the one who accepts office so obtained is lower down in the mire of rottenness than the poor half-fed, half-hungry devil that sells his vote. There may be some excuse for the latter but none under God's heaven for the office holder who accepts under such conditions and those who receive favors at his hands will let him while he has power and despise him when he has no favors that he can pass around, for they know that he is unworthy of even their respect. Conclusive proof of this is the opinion now held by the majority of honest men of some ex-officials of our dear commonwealth. They were but they are not, they have been but they are not more. Yes, I think that you are right, the anti's are very much worried over who to put in the race. Well, that seems to point to the fact that they somehow think that Blease is not so 'damn dead,' as one of their leading henchmen expressed it after the last primary, and of course that is gratifying to your humble servants for to be living is pleasant but to be kindly thought of by the large majority of your fellowmen is great. Personally, it makes little difference to me whom they fool into the race. I represent the sentiments of at least 90,000 of the white voters of South Carolina and while some of that number will be intimidated and not vote for me, there will be more than enough left to give me a big majority over any man that they put

up, and if I can get an honest count you will have the pleasure of calling on the people's representative in Washington after March 4, 1919. The people always right a mean wrong and they will make right the wrong of 1916 and repudiate the rascality of last year when they get another chance at the ballot.

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#### Small Actions Reported by French.

Paris, Dec. 6.—Only small actions are reported by the official statement today. One party of patrols brought back prisoners south of St. Quentin. The German raid against posts north of Bezonvaux was repulsed.

#### NAMED FOR ANNAPOLIS

Senator Smith Appoints Two South Carolina Boys.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator E. D. Smith today announced that he had made two appointments to Annapolis. They are: Frank B. Gary, Jr., of Abbeville and Harry G. Garrison of Anderson.

These young men took the examinations held October 24 and as they were the two who stood highest they have been given direct appointments and if they successfully stand the entrance examinations at the academy they will enter the institution at an early date. Both are Citadel men.

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